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SUBJECT: TEH GDR AGAIN EXPRESS ITS PREFERENCE IN FRG ELECTIONS

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1. ALTHOUGH THE GDR CONTINUES TO COMMENT ONLY INDIRECTLY ON THE FORTHCOMING BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS, IT SEEMS QUITE CLEAR THAT ITS PREFERENCE IS FOR A COLAITION VICTORY. THE LATEST EVIDENCE OF THIS POSTION IS A SHORT EDITORIAL IN THE SED ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SEPTEMBER 25 WHICH TAKES CDU LEADER KOHL TO TASK FOR SOWING "LIES AND SCANDAL" ABOUT THE GDR AND FOR ATTEMPTING TO TURN THE COURSE OF FRG/GDR RELATIONS AWAY FROM "REASONABLENESS AND GOOD WILL." ND SAYS THAT KOHL HOPES TO GATHER VOTES FROM "REVANCHIST FORCES" IN THE FRG BY HIS CRIGICISM OF THE GDR. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO PORTRAYS THESE ATTACKS AS AN INDICATION OF THE KIND OF POLICIES KOHL PURSUE SHOULD HE BECOME CHANCELLOR.

2. COMMENT: COMING JUST A WEEK BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS, THE ND EDITORIAL PROVIDES ANOTHER REMINDER

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THAT THE GEFR BELIEVES THE COURSE OF FRG/GDR RELATIONS

WOULD SUFFER UNDER A KOHL-LED GOVERNMENT. IT IMPLIES THAT
PROGRESS IN INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS WOULD NOT ONLY BE
DISCONTINUED BUT THAT AGREEMENT ALREADY ACHIEVED WOULD
BE JEOPARDIZED BY A CDU GOVERNMENT IN BONN. POLANSKY

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